

9th December 2021

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20212518

REQUEST

I am after information relating to your Police Force and in particular the number of Fixed Penalty Notices handed to e-scooter riders.

In particular, are you able to provide me with:

- 1) The number of traffic offences recorded for e-scooter riders, broken down by the offence type (i.e. Driving/riding without insurance, need to be taxed)

Could you please provide answers to Question 1 for the following calendar years

2018

2019

2020

2021 – up to the latest month available

- 2) For the traffic offences in Question 1) for e-scooter riders, can you list police action taken for each offence, split between:

NFA

Potential Prosecution

Paid Confirmed

Ongoing

Or any other classification your Force uses.

Could you please provide answers to Question 2 for the following calendar years

2018

2019

2020

2021 – up to the latest month available

- 3) For traffic offences in Question 1) for e-scooter riders, can you provide the total monetary value of Fixed Penalty Notices / fines handed out to offenders
Could you please provide answers to Question 3 for the following calendar years

2018

2019

2020

2021 – up to the latest month available

If your database works under a Fiscal Year calendar, please provide figures to the corresponding fiscal years

RESPONSE

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- a. states that fact,
- b. specifies the exemption in question and
- c. states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption applies to the disclosure of the information:

Section 12(2) – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

Our Safety Cameras and Ticket Processing Researcher has advised:-

Currently there is no specific Offence code for offences relating to E Scooters. Any offences would in all probability be covered by existing offences/Codes. I have no way of identifying which offences are E-scooter offences and a manual search of tickets would without doubt exceed the time limit.

In essence, we would need to manually review all Fixed Penalty tickets issued between 2018 and up to current date, to ascertain if they were relevant to e-scooters, and met the criteria of your request; this process would greatly exceed the 18 hours of work.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 provide that the cost limit for non-central government public authorities is £450. This must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour, providing an effective time limit of 18 hours.

Guidance from the Information Commissioner to public authorities is that where one part of a request is reasonably estimated to exceed the appropriate limit then the authority is not obliged to consider or comply with the remainder of the request up to the point at which the appropriate limit has been reached. Please note point 30 of the below link:-

https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1199/costs_of_compliance_exceeds_appropriate_limit.pdf

The Researcher has also advised that with regards to monetary value, this is not within our control, but the HMCTS.